LEGO 'Breaking Bad' Drug Lab on Display at TriBeCa Gallery

TRIBECA — A big display of tiny objects is on its way Downtown.

A LEGO recreation of “Breaking Bad” characters inside Walter White’s drug lab, an intricately designed world of toy soldiers, and a mini-scene of sunbathers tanning inside a compact mirror case are a few of the whimsical artworks coming to TriBeCa’s Apexart.

The 291 Church St. gallery will feature the painstaking creations of 11 artists in its “Feel Big Live Small” exhibit, slated to open March 18.

“We’ve all had this fascination with tiny things for a long time,” said Julia Knight, the gallery’s operations director. “There’s something special about the smallness, the detail involved.”

The "Breaking Bad"-themed "Super Lab Playset" includes Bryan Cranston’s iconic character, along with the villainous drug kingpin Gustavo Fring, both in miniature LEGO form.

The gallery will exhibit small-scale dioramas and scenes, as well as photographs of artists' miniature works. Other quirky pieces include a tiny
space observatory, and an office space, complete with conference rooms and cubicles, built inside a little suitcase.

"The artworks in this exhibition move beyond a simple recreation of what surrounds us, creating optical illusions and pieces of wonderment that make viewers look twice," the gallery said in a statement. "The artworks in this exhibition move beyond a simple recreation of what surrounds us, creating optical illusions and pieces of wonderment that make viewers look twice."

Along with the display, the gallery will host a family diorama workshop on April 25, letting kids make their own tiny little worlds.

Feel Big Live Small will have its opening reception on March 18 at 6 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from March 19 through May 16. Apexart at 291 Church Street is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.